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SUBJECT: CANADIAN DEFENSE STRUCTURE REVIEW

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1. DURING STAFFING OF US POSITION ON CANADIAN DEFENSE STRUCTURE REVIEW (REFTEL), WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING CANADIAN CONSULTATION PAPER AND ON MORE GENERAL SUBJECT OF CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE:

A. CANADIAN CONSULTATION PAPER ADDRESSES ONLY REPEAT ONLY CANADIAN STANDING FORCES LOCATED IN EUROPE. AT LEAST THREE OTHER ELEMENTS OF CANADAIN FORCES ARE POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY IMPORTANT TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE: REINFORCEMENT LAND AND AIR FORCES EARMARKED FOR NATO; MARITIME FORCES COMMITTED TO ATLANTIC SEALANCE DEFENSE; AND OTHER NATIONAL FORCES WHICH COULD BE USED FOR EUROPEAN  
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DEFENSE SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND. A CHOICE OF ANY OF THE THREE CANADIAN OPTIONS, OR VARIATION THEREOF, TO STANDING FORCES IN EUROPE WOULD ENTAIL RAMIFICATIONS FOR REINFORCEMENT/ AUGMENTATION FORCES, MARITIME FORCES AND OTHER FORCES FOR

NATO.WE MUST LEAVE IT TO THE CANADIAN SIDE TO EXPLAIN THESE RAMIFICATIONS; NO FINAL US RESPONSE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE CANADIAN PAPER IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH EXPLANATION.

B. NO COST DATA, AND ONLY SCANTY MANPOWER DATA, HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. OUR INFORMAL REQUEST FOR SUCH DATA FROM CANADIAN DELEGATION TO NATO HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE. IT SEEMS TO US THAT ALLIED POLITICAL REACTION TO THE REVIEW AS A WHOLE IS SURE TO BE INFLUENCED SOMEWHAT BY WHETHER CANADA PLANS TO REVERSE ITS DOWNWARD DEFENSE SPENDING TRENDS AND, AS A RICH COUNTRY, IMPROVE ITS STANDING IN THE TRADITIONAL MONEY AND MANPOWER MEASURES OF THE DEFENSE EFFORT. WE BELIEVE US SHOULD MAKE THIS POINT CLEARLY DURING THE COURSE OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CANADIANS.

C. IT ALSO APPEARS TO US FROM EXAMINATION OF CANADIAN OPTION PAPER (REFTEL) THAT OTTAWA IS LOOKING FOR A WAY TO AVOID HEAVY EXPENSE INVOLVED IN REPLACING BOTH CENTURION TANKS AND F-104 AIRCRAFT IN EUROPE. THIS IS NO DOUBT WHAT LIES BEHIND POSTULATING "ALL AIR" AND "ALL LAND" OPTIONS. APART FROM MILITARY EFFECTS WHICH CHOOSING ONE OF THESE OPTIONS WOULD HAVE, IT APPEARS TO US THAT POLITICAL EFFECTS WITHIN ALLIANCE (INCLUDING IMPACT ON MBFR NEGOTIATIONS) WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE, AND WOULD INCREASE PRESSURES FOR SIMILAR ACTIONS BY OTHER NATIONS. WE SEE NO REASON WHY CANADA SHOULD NOT LIVE UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS AS A MEMBER OF NATO ALLIANCE AND, LIKE OTHER ALLIES, SOME OF WHOM ARE IN FAR LESS HEALTHY ECONOMIC STATE THAN CANADA, REPLACE ITS OBSOLETE MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN TIMELY FASHION.

2. WE ARE AWAITING REPLY ON COMPOSITION OF WASHINGTON TEAM FOR CONSULTATIONS, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWER NOT LATER THAN OOB JUNE 24.  
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